

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are having a celebration and YOU are invited!

As you may have heard from your child, we have been working with a text titled *Welcome to the Circle*, written by Canadian First Nations author Larry Loyie with Constance Brissenden. Please feel free to visit the website at [www.firstnationswriter.com](http://www.firstnationswriter.com) to learn more about this book and the array of other books this author has written.

Among other exciting learning opportunities, this text and the accompanying lessons remind us of the importance of connecting to and learning from our friends, neighbours, and families. As part of our efforts to make all children and their families feel respected, welcomed, and appreciated, we are having a celebration and we are asking for your help.

On (date) \_\_\_\_\_ at (time) \_\_\_\_\_, you are invited to join us at (location) \_\_\_\_\_ for an hour of celebration, stories, and cultural expression.

Please read the form below and indicate if you can attend and whether you would like to share something with us. Then return it with your child and we will begin planning our celebration! Please note: There is no need to bring anything. This is just an invitation to do so if you wish.

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I will / will not be able to attend the celebration. (please circle)

The number attending will be \_\_\_\_\_.

I will bring an artifact, item of clothing, story, or picture to share. (if so, please describe)

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I would like to speak to the children and share a story, tradition, or other information that is important to our heritage. (if so, please describe)

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks so much. We look forward to learning more about you and your family!

Sincerely,